

The Springs



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The Believers' Prayer

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: *'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.'* Indeed, Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. (Acts 4:23-31, NIV)

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is always a challenge to write appropriate articles for the January newsletters. Should I focus on the wonderful things we've done in the past year? Should I look forward to our goals for the coming year? Should I simply wish everyone a Happy New Year and talk about the wonderful Christmas worship we enjoyed together? Each of these choices has merit. However, today I want to present a challenge for all of us...

A renewed Call to Prayer.

There is nothing more important to the life of our church than our continued prayer for one another, for our ministries, and for the world. In the passage above from The Acts of the Apostles, we read, ***"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."*** Imagine what could happen in our church if all the believers prayed together! Imagine what it might be like to feel God shake things up! Imagine what it would feel like for everyone

to be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit! *It would be awesome!!*

We have every reason to believe that this passage of Scripture is meant for us too. Today, the *"kings"* of the earth take their stand and the *"rulers"* gather together against the Lord. The Lord will enable **us**, his servants, to boldly speak his word. The Lord **will** stretch out his hand to protect us, to heal us, and to work miracles in the name of Jesus. God **will** shake this church and **we**, in turn, **can** shake up the world...**IF** we raise our voices **together** in prayer to God.

- **This is our call to prayer for 2017...**
- Strengthen our Prayer Ministry by gathering in small groups for prayer;
- Increase your personal prayer time **every day**;
- Pray together whenever we gather – pray for one another, pray for the church, pray for the world;
- Respond to our Call to Prayer every Sunday morning – Gather at the altar in prayer;
- Expect miracles to happen; expect healings to take place; expect God to shake us up;
- Listen twice as much as you speak in prayer – Listen for that still, small voice of God;
- Be open to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit within you and be prepared for the awesome power.

My friends, our church is about caring for one another and caring for others; we demonstrate this over and over again in our church family and in our ministries. We cannot do this without the energy we get when we recharge our spirits in prayer. It is God and God alone who provides the strength and courage we need to do ministry in this church and in this community. We must constantly go to God for spiritual fuel. Prayer is our direct pipeline to the power of God. **Please join me this year. Pray more. Pray constantly. Pray together. Expect miracles. Let God shake things up in 2017!**

Praying,
Pastor Don

SENIORS IN ACTION! You are all invited to a *Valentine Lunch* at the Sapulpa Historical Museum, Wednesday, Feb. 15th, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. We'll be treated to a delicious catered lunch prepared by Lori's Sweet Sinsations. After eating and a bit of fun, we'll be free to browse through the museum. If you have never visited this museum, you have missed a local "must-see" venue! Several volunteers will be on hand to enhance your experience and answer questions.



The Museum is located at 100 East Lee Avenue in Sapulpa. It is free to the public, but donations are appreciated! The lunch will be in the meeting room on the second floor via the elevator. The lunch will be \$11 per person. We will need a definite head count for this event.... Please sign up with Max or Sharon Schuermann or call [918-619-5141](tel:918-619-5141). (Please note – this is a NEW phone number for the Schuermann's)

We will car-pool from the Family Life Center (NOT the church). **Meet at the FLC at 11 a.m.** So please grab your "significant other", old friend, new friend, BBF, neighbor or acquaintance, and make plans to join us for a fun day!



UMW
Circle Meetings

Priscilla Circle

January 24, 2017
7:00 p.m.-Home of Becky Barnes

Ruth Esther Circle

January 26, 2017
1:00 p.m.-Fellowship Hall

Faith Circle

January 26, 2017
6:30 p.m.-Church Parlor



Welcome to **Kidzone** Cave Quest! We are having a great time learning about stories in the Old and New Testament about how Jesus gives us hope. We have dug for gems and rocks in

our cave. Be sure and watch this week for God sightings so we can add to our stalagmite that we are creating. Have a great week and see you next Sunday.

Miss Debbie & Miss Marty

Save The Date



A Baby Shower is being planned for Sara Riker (Schmidt) for Saturday, February 25th from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Church Narthex.

More information is forthcoming.

Mark your calendars...

Sunday Lists

Sunday Volunteers—January 29

Visitors Center & Coffee-CIA/Pathfinders
 Head Usher-8:30-Amanda Honeycutt
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Teaching: Jami Warkentin
 Counters-Howard or Betty Smith & Karen Wilder
 Youth Dinner-1/25-Noah/Searchers

Sunday Volunteers—February 5

Visitors Center & Coffee-Harmony
 Head Usher-8:30-Amanda Honeycutt
 Head Usher-11:00 a.m.-Eddy David
 Child. Church-8:30 a.m.-Kingdom Kids
 Teaching: Jami Warkentin
 Counters-Sondra Allen & Dick Ford
 Youth Dinner-2/1-Harmony

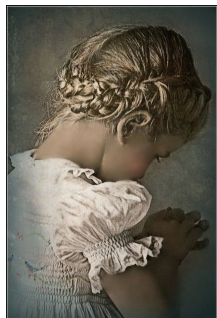
February Coffee: Harmony Class

March Coffee-Discovery Class

April Coffee: TNT

Please Keep In Prayer

Please remember these in your prayers:



Martha Scudder, Linda Tabberer, Charlene Reeves, Elsie Jones, Sue Shaw, Bob & Cathy Hula, BW Proft, Bill & Clare Caldwell, Darryl Muse, Jack & Jewell Brown, Owen Johnston, Tristan Schwartz, Delbert Sloan, Mark Hill, Pauline Hanigar, Glenda Paul-Reyna, Barbara McClintock, Angy Krebs-Warden, Montie Box, Albert Kahl's mom & sister in law, Michelle Nelson, Sylvia Johnson, SSUMC & Unspoken Requests



Here are your
2017 Newsletter
weeks. Please
remember-articles are
due by 11 a.m. on this
date. Please, mark
your calendars.

February 6	May 29 ?
February 20	June 12
March 6	June 26
March 20	July 10
April 3	July 24
April 17	August 7
May 1	August 21
May 15	September 4?
	September 18
	October 2
	October 16
	October 30
	November 13
	November 27
	December 11
	January 8, 2018



Here is some of your
2017 Youth Dinner Schedule

January 25-Noah/Searchers
 February 1-Harmony
 February 8-CIA/Pathfinders
 February 15-Faith Circle
 February 22-TNT
 March 1-Ash Wednesday-No Dinner
 March 8-Ruth Esther Circle
 March 15-Spring Break-No Dinner
 March 22-Seniors In Action
 March 29-Priscilla Circle
 April 5-Noah/Searchers
 April 12-Harmony
 April 19-CIA/Pathfinders
 April 26-Faith Circle

Cathy's Notes

I'd like to thank our awesome choir and accompanist, Judy, for all their hard work getting ready for Christmas. You, the congregation, are very blessed to have such a choir.

This next week our anthem will be "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light." Based on Ephesians 5:8-9, the anthem reminds us there is no darkness with Jesus. He is the Light of the World. We need to follow the light and help to lead others to the light. I am reminded of visiting a cave where the guides turned off all of the lights. How dark it was! I literally could not see my hand in front of my face. I could not have gotten out without a light. Our world can be that dark, hard to see how to get out of our situations, but a single light can make all the difference. Let your light shine and be the difference in someone's life. God bless you all.

Singing His Praise, Cathy

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR SAND SPRINGS UMC

Monday, January 23

5:30pm-4th Monday Community Dinner-F. Hall
7:00pm-Boy Scouts-FLC

Tuesday, January 24-No Tracey

5:45pm-Y4Y
6:00pm-Cub Scouts-FLC
6:30pm-Praise Team
7:00pm-Al-Anon-Upstairs
7:00pm-Priscilla Circle-Home of Becky B.

Wednesday, January 25

7:30am-Men's Breakfast-Crescent Café
6:30pm-The Awakening—Youth
7:00pm-Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 26

1:00pm-Ruth Esther Circle-F. Hall
6:30pm-Faith Circle-Parlor
*7:00pm-Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, January 27

*4:00pm-Adventures In Learning-F. Hall

Saturday, January 28

No Activities

Sunday, January 29

8:30am-Contemporary Worship
9:45am-Communion Service
10:00am-Sunday School
11:00am-Traditional Worship
1:30pm-Trustee Meeting-Parlor

Monday, January 30

7:00pm-Boy Scouts-Family Life Center

Tuesday, January 31-No Tracey

5:45pm-Y4Y-Sanctuary
6:00pm-Cub Scouts-FLC
7:00pm-Praise Team Rehearsal
7:00pm-Al-Anon-Upstairs

Wednesday, February 1

7:30am-M/W Breakfast-Crescent Café
4:00pm-Kappa Kappa Iota-F. Hall
6:30pm-The Awakening
7:00pm-Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 2

*7:00pm-Collins Karate-FLC

Friday, February 3

4:00pm-Adventures In Learning-F. Hall
6:00pm-Boy Sc. Set up for Pine Wood Derby-Derby is 2/4 from 7am-2pm-FLC

FLC-Family Life Center

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